

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the abstract with the following amended paragraph:

An electrical connector disposed ~~in use~~ between a store and an aircraft or dispenser comprises a first store-side part half 10 mechanically connected to the store and a second aircraft-side, complementary part half 12 connected to an electrical cable attached to the aircraft or dispenser at a forward end, the aircraft-side part connector second half 12 comprising a core ~~14~~ containing electrical contacts and an outer shell ~~24, 26, 28, 30~~ snap-engagable with the store-side part first connector half to securely retain the aircraft-side part connector second half in mating engagement with the store-side part connector first half while the store is being carried by the aircraft, the outer shell being adapted to be pulled off the connector first half store-side part as the store is separated from the aircraft, the outer shell being formed as a separate component or assembly, removably attached to the aircraft-side part connector second half core.